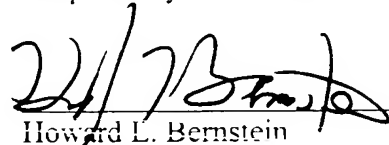


REMARKS

The changes to the specification herein correspond to those made in parent application serial number 09/228,239. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Before the first line, the following sentence has been added:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/228,239 filed January 11, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 14, second full paragraph:

In the PDP of the present embodiment, the scanning electrodes 12 and common electrodes 33 are disposed in [the] different layers separated by the insulator layer 15a[, where the]. As previously discussed, a single driving period of the PDP includes a preliminary discharge period, a writing discharge period, and a sustaining discharge period. The sustaining discharge is effected between the common electrode 33 and the data electrode 19, which are referred to as the sustaining electrodes in this text, and the preliminary discharge pulse is applied between the first sustaining electrode (12) and the second sustaining electrode (33) before a writing pulse is applied.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 have been canceled.